

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ON CONGRESS' CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING CRISIS IN IRAQ INVOLVING THE ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ AND SYRIA (ISIS)

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I support my colleague FREDERICA WILSON in the effort she has undertaken to #bringbackourgirls, addressing the horrors of Boko Haram having extracted these girls from their lives. We also, in addition to that responsibility, have an exacting responsibility with reference to ongoing circumstances that the President addressed last Wednesday evening. On August 14, nearly a month ago, I wrote to the President asking him to be mindful of a letter that I sent to Speaker BOEHNER. I include both my letter to President Obama and to Speaker BOEHNER for the RECORD. I said the following in my letter to Speaker BOEHNER:

I respectfully call upon you to bring Congress back into session so that we may meet our constitutional responsibility to address the ongoing crisis in Iraq. As you know, the situation there is becoming increasingly more complex and continues to defy easy resolution.

There is no doubt that the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) will continue to terrorize the people of Iraq, leading to an increase in the tens of thousands of Iraqi Christians, Yazidi and other refugees who have been driven from their homes. However, we in Congress have a responsibility to make sure that America is not dragged into another ongoing military endeavor in Iraq. Although the current airstrikes may have stopped ISIS momentarily, we still have a responsibility under Article I powers to delineate and impose a timeframe for these efforts as we move forward.

The situation in Iraq on a political, humanitarian and military level is increasingly dire, and we may very well have a duty to meet these difficulties with force along with any number of other strategic responses, but we certainly have a duty to meet as a body at the earliest possible date to discuss these issues and act accordingly under the United States Constitution and the War Power Resolution.

I thank you for your time and consideration of my request and ask for a prompt response.

My letter to the President stated the following:

AUGUST 14, 2014.

Hon. BARACK H. OBAMA,
President of the United States,
The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR PRESIDENT OBAMA: I write to inform you that I sent the attached letter to Speaker Boehner today, calling on him to bring the U.S. House of Representatives back into session so that we may address the crisis in Iraq.

The situation in Iraq on a political, humanitarian and military level is increasingly dire, and we may very well have a duty to

meet these difficulties with force along with any number of other strategic responses, but we certainly have a duty to meet as a body at the earliest possible date to discuss these issues and act accordingly under the United States Constitution and the War Power Resolution.

I certainly appreciate your timely attention to the complex and difficult situation unfolding in Iraq, and want you to know that I am eager to facilitate a resolution to the current crisis by making sure the Legislative and Executive branches of our government work in unison to achieve an acceptable outcome for the American and Iraqi people.

I thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ALCEE L. HASTINGS,
Member of Congress.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,742,108,970,073.37. We've added \$7,115,231,921,160.29 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, America is a nation composed of individuals whose ancestors were once part of other nations. As they work for a better, brighter tomorrow for themselves and more importantly for their children, these individuals become Americans. I would like to take just a moment of this body's time to thank and congratulate a group of my constituents who are making sure that the story of how their ancestors helped build America is shared.

Today, I rise to recognize Hispanic Heritage of Odessa, which will begin a month-long celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with a breakfast this morning at McKinney Park. Hispanic Heritage Month first began in 1968, and each year, the celebration and tradition has grown as has our community.

This morning Hispanic Heritage of Odessa will continue their efforts to build a stronger community—one based upon hard work, integrity, and the importance of family—by recognizing the good work done by our fellow citi-

zens. The breakfast will honor many influential members of the Hispanic community in Odessa who serve as an example to the younger generation to do good and re-invest in those around you.

It is important that these stories are shared, not only with the wider community in which they live, but also with young people, who will benefit by learning how to form the backbone of their community—one that places their families and neighbors above themselves. Each one of those stories is unique, but through each one of them, children will hear how hard their parents and grandparents worked to fashion a better life for future generations.

On behalf of the 11th District, it is an honor to recognize and represent Hispanic Heritage of Odessa and the thriving, vibrant Latino community it serves. As this event and celebration continues to grow, it is my hope that the values they celebrate today are transmitted to and embraced by the next generation of Hispanic leaders in Ector County.

TRIBUTE TO TOM MCLEMORE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Tom McLemore, the clerk of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, who will be leaving the Committee staff after more than 13 years of service.

Tom joined the Appropriations Committee staff in 2001 and has worked on various subcommittees and for various chairmen since that time, ultimately becoming the clerk of the Defense Subcommittee in 2011.

As the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I have had the honor and pleasure of working closely with Tom. He is professional, he is reliable, he is dedicated, and he gets every job done well, regardless of the circumstances.

Tom is a leader. He efficiently manages his staff, not by micromanaging but by empowering them to make informed recommendations. He is affable, he is thoughtful, and he is calm under pressure.

As we all know, congressional staff work countless hours and through countless holiday seasons in order to keep this esteemed institution running. This inevitably takes a toll on personal commitments, and nothing means more to Tom than his supportive and loving family. In his new employment, Tom will hopefully have more time to spend with his lovely wife, Cory, and their two girls, Anna and Maggie.

I have said before, and I will say again, the Appropriations Committee has the best staff on Capitol Hill. And Tom McLemore is the epitome of that statement. Congress, and I, will surely miss this leader; but we thank him for his service and dedication and wish him well now and in the future.

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HONORING LT. MATTHEW
STAPLETON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lt. Matthew Stapleton on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Petaluma Police Department.

Lt. Stapleton joined the Petaluma Police Department on April 4, 1988. Over the last 26 years, he has dedicated himself to ensuring the safety of our community. Through various specialized assignments, including SWAT, Investigations, Narcotics and Patrol, Lt. Stapleton has consistently demonstrated bravery in the line of duty. As an instructor, he has provided proper training to numerous law enforcement officers throughout Sonoma County. It is no surprise that Lt. Stapleton's outstanding supervisory and managerial skills have earned him many decorations throughout his career, such as Petaluma Police Officer of the Year, Petaluma City Employee of the Year, and the Medal of Bravery.

Lt. Stapleton's legacy is one of sincere passion for the most challenging police work and dedication to the community. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Lt. Matthew Stapleton for his long and singularly exceptional career, and for his outstanding record of service to the people of the City of Petaluma and Sonoma County.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
JOB CORPS PROGRAM

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Job Corps program, which was founded in 1965 as a key part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. Founded with the mission of empowering youth, ages 16 through 24, from disadvantaged backgrounds to improve their own quality of life, the Detroit Job Corps Center has been a vital part of the Southeast Michigan region by providing vocational and academic training.

Created under the administration of the U.S. Department of Labor under the Economic Opportunity Act, the dedicated staff of the Job Corps program have been working for half of a century to address the many different barriers that youth encounter in their efforts to obtain employment and attain independence. By providing youth with a combination of academic, vocational, and work-based learning experiences, alongside assistance with resume writing and interview preparation, the Job Corps program helps its students develop the tools they need to find stable, long-term, and well-paying jobs. Today, 125 Job Corps centers across the United States serve more than 60,000 youth annually, ensuring that employment is a goal that can be obtained regardless of one's personal circumstances.

To carry out the mission of the Job Corps program locally, the Detroit Job Corps Center

has engaged with an extensive network of community stakeholders in Southeast Michigan; which allows it to offer its students a wide array of experiences as they seek to build their skills and determine their future career path. Among its partners are Quicken Loans, the United Auto Workers, the NAACP, many local elected officials, Southwest Solutions and the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security. With these connections, the Detroit Job Corps Center has been able to offer its students internships and community service activities with organizations that are making a difference in the Southeast Michigan region, organizations like: The Greening of Detroit, the United Way of Southeast Michigan, Forgotten Harvest and the U.S. Veterans Administration.

The record of Detroit Job Corps Center is embodied in the success of its graduates, 95 percent of whom end up obtaining a college degree, pursuing advanced training, finding fulltime employment or serving our nation in the Armed Forces. Of the 125 Job Corps centers across the nation, the Detroit center ranks second in graduate ranking and sixth in overall program ranking for the 2013–2014 period. In recognition of its success, the Detroit Job Corps Center has received a National Job Corps Gold Star Award for outstanding achievement each year since 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the remarkable impact the Job Corps program has made over the last 50 years and it is my pleasure to specifically recognize the Detroit Job Corps Center for the work it has done to empower youth in the Southeast Michigan community to build a better future for themselves. As our economy becomes increasingly knowledge-based, the value and power of an education takes on an ever-growing importance. The work of the Job Corps program and the Detroit Job Corps Center is vital to ensuring that a quality education is available to all youth in our communities, regardless of their background or circumstances. I congratulate the Detroit Job Corps Center on its many achievements and wish its staff continued success in fulfilling the mission of the Job Corps program and realizing President Lyndon Johnson's dream of an America free of poverty.

HONORING JERRY YOUNG

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Jerry Young, who has been selected as President of the National Baptist Convention.

Rev. Jerry Young was born in Scott, Mississippi to Reverend E.L. and Elizabeth Young. He was raised in the Mississippi Delta in the heart of the Civil Rights Era, enduring the pains and struggles of several disappointments, and beating the odds of his predetermined failures. Throughout his life, it became increasingly clear why God called Pastor Young to the ministry at the young age of seventeen. Young's service began at Mt. Tennia Baptist Church in Lamont, Mississippi and led to him serving as pastor of St. John and Pilgrim Rest Baptist Churches, both in Greenville, Mississippi.

Young has faithfully led the congregation of New Hope Baptist Church since 1980. He is the founder and headmaster of New Hope Christian Pre-School and New Hope Christian Elementary School, serving over 300 students.

Pastor Young attended Nugent Center High School in Bolivar County, Mississippi and went on to attain an Associate of Arts in Social Science from Coahoma Junior College in Clarksdale, Mississippi. He received a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Social Welfare from Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, where he met and married the love of his life, Mrs. Helen Akins Young. With her support and encouragement, Pastor Young has earned a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi.

Instilling the values of faith, education, and love, they are the proud parents of two daughters, Dr. Jerlen Nelson and Kelli Elizabeth Hart. Adding to their life's joy are their two adorable granddaughters, one grandson, and one step-grandson.

Dr. Young makes history as the first Mississippi pastor chosen to lead the National Baptist Convention. He was elected amongst five candidates nominated for the seat.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Jerry Young.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 494, I was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 495 and 496, I was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both.

IN APPRECIATION OF COLONEL
PATRICK T. "SMACK" MCKENZIE

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Colonel Patrick T. "Smack" McKenzie, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force after 26 years of service.

I have had the pleasure of working with Smack on a number of occasions during his tenure in the Air Force House Liaison Office. I greatly appreciate and admire his professionalism, knowledge, and dedication, which has benefited me, and numerous other Members and staff.

Colonel McKenzie has given a great deal to this Nation through his distinguished and selfless service. He began his Air Force career as an ROTC Cadet and a "Jayhawk" at the University of Kansas—an allegiance he maintains to this day, as evidenced by the Jayhawk lanyard you will always see around his neck. Upon graduating in May 1988, he was competitively selected for pilot training at Reese AFB, Texas. He was the envy of Class 90–06, not only because of his perfectly restored red

1965 Pontiac GTO affectionately known as "The Goat", but also because as one of the top graduates, he was awarded the only F-16 training slot for the class. He was assigned to the 70th Fighter Squadron at Moody AFB, where he was certified as combat-ready and qualified for air-to-surface, air-to-air, and nuclear missions. He quickly caught the eye of his leadership, and was handpicked as one of only 15 squadron pilots qualified to operate the new LANTIRN system (Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night). He also caught the eye of his future wife, Jennifer, and they have been married now for 21 years. Col. McKenzie's skill as a fighter pilot was quickly recognized during his first deployment, patrolling the skies over Iraq for Operation Southern Watch. His leadership ability earned him a Regular commission and selection for Squadron Officer School, where he was a Distinguished Graduate.

Capt. McKenzie was then assigned to the 51st Operations Support Squadron at Osan Air Base in the Republic of Korea. He continued to impress as a Wing Plans Officer, maintaining critical operational plans for wartime taskings. He again rose above his peers as a pilot, winning the 51st Fighter Wing's Low Angle Strafe Top Gun award and selection as the Chief of Standardization and Evaluation for the 51st Operations Group—a position reserved for the Group's most skilled and trusted pilot. In this position, he was responsible for assessments and maintaining operational standards not only in his F-16 squadron, but also in the HH-60 rescue flight, and a C-12 flight, a job essential to deliver wartime capability. He so impressed his leadership, that even as a Captain he was identified as a "future squadron commander" and was selected for USAF Weapons School, the premier advanced weapons and tactics school for our Air Force Pilots. While there, he was praised for his research on F-16 Night Close Air Support and Targeting Aids, advancing our operational capabilities in this critical capacity. Captain McKenzie's training was put to immediate use with his assignment to the 510th Fighter Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy. He flew dozens of combat sorties during Operations Southern Watch, Decisive Edge, and Deliberate Guard, enforcing no-fly zones over Iraq and Bosnia-Herzegovina. He was also a Mission Commander for more than six large force packages in NATO's Operation Allied Force in Kosovo, for which he garnered praise for his skills, leadership, mission execution, and most importantly ensuring zero combat losses. Additionally, Smack was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement, planning the first NATO strike of Operation Allied Force to cross the Kosovo/Serbian border, defeating surface-to-air missiles, and executing the first-ever F-16 night attack utilizing Night Vision Goggles and the LANTIRN system to destroy an ammunition storage facility. As a Flight Commander, Weapons Officer, and Instructor Pilot he was recognized by his superiors as an "exceptional leader with unlimited potential", the "#1 Captain in the Group", the "Wing's top flight commander", and the USAFE Fighter Pilot of the Year. Smack was sent to Air Command and Staff College, where his tremendous leadership and team building skills led his peers to recognize him as the "Outstanding Team Member" for his class. Following school, he became the Assignments Officer for nearly

1,500 Air Force F-16 pilots, single-handedly managing the Air Force's largest group of pilots and maintaining 100 percent manning level despite historic shortages just after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Lt. Col. McKenzie then moved to Luke AFB for a short period as the 56th Operations Support Squadron Operations Officer before being entrusted with his first command—the 310th Fighter Squadron "Top Hats"—the largest fighter squadron at Luke, responsible for the only formal Forward Air Controller-Airborne course, which has been a vital capability in the War on Terror. He was heralded as the "top warrior and leader of 618 officers" and led his unit to the 56th Operations Group "Top Squadron" award. Following this highly successful command, Lt. Col. McKenzie attended National War College at Fort McNair and received a Master of Science in National Security Strategy. He then went to U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA where he provided readiness analysis on current operations, and was a liaison with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Government Accountability Office, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on all readiness related issues. He provided critical data and assessments for the planning of Operation Enduring Freedom which were influential in leadership decisions. Col. McKenzie then Commanded the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. There he profoundly impacted the Global War on Terror, directing air operations and leading over 830 troops to execute over 24,000 missions, dropping 1.1 million pounds of ordnance, and delivering 37,000 tons of cargo—the busiest operation in the CENTCOM area of responsibility. Following this tremendous performance, Col. McKenzie was challenged with a new role as the SECAF's legislative liaison to Congress for all USAF air and space weapon systems, ensuring the Air Force message and priorities were consistently and convincingly articulated to directly ensure the full authorization of their \$120 billion budget. Smack was then sent back to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea to command the 51st Fighter Wing "Mustangs" where he previously spent time as a Captain. He was the Joint installation commander for over 10,200 personnel, executing the Combat Air Force's largest and most highly-utilized A-10 and F-16 operation in a tense location, just 6 minutes flight time to North Korea. "At", "inspiring", and "superb" were just a few words used to describe his tenure there. After his highly successful tour as a Wing Commander, the Air Force returned Smack to legislative liaison work by assigning him to one of the most demanding positions within the Air Force, his current job as the Chief of Air Force House Liaison. Since July 2013, Smack has advised the Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Director of Legislative Liaison, and numerous other senior military and civilian leaders on issues of the greatest concern to the Air Force and Congress. He has been more than a liaison between the Pentagon and the Hill, he developed and improved key relationships to enable the Congress to make better decisions about the future of the Air Force and our national defense. He is extremely intelligent and articulate, and has helped shape my thinking and influenced many Members of Congress. Simply put, we trust him and will miss him!

Col. McKenzie is a command pilot with over 3,200 flying hours and 630 combat hours in

the F-16. He is the recipient of numerous major medals and decorations for his service and accomplishments. The most significant of these include the Defense Superior Service medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and Meritorious Service medal.

Throughout his distinguished career he has represented our country and the Air Force with dignity and honor, and this is why I'm so privileged to pay tribute to this fine Airman. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Congress and the United States of America, I thank Colonel Patrick McKenzie, his wife Jennifer, and their daughter Ashleigh, for their service and sacrifices of the past 26 years. I wish them Godspeed, and continued happiness as they start this new chapter in their lives.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, as the Republic of China, which is commonly called Taiwan, celebrates its National Day, Double Ten Day, or the tenth day of October, we in the Congress look back upon the many years of close cooperation with its leaders. Cemented by the Taiwan Relations Act, the relationship we have enjoyed over decades has given meaning to what friendship between two peoples is all about.

To complement this relationship in actively engaging with Mainland China is the constructive initiative taken by Taiwan's present leader, President Ma Ying-jeou. By doing this, President Ma is lessening tensions among those parties concerned and contributing to the peace and stability of the region. We are currently faced with many unsettling events of terrorism and conflict out of the Middle East and Europe.

Taiwan is a living example of how leadership can contribute to peaceful resolution if the intent is well-meaning and balanced. On this auspicious day of Double Ten, we congratulate President Ma for continuing to redouble his efforts in tamping down the flames of conflict in Asia. I don't think the world can handle another conflict among nations right now. Thank you so much President Ma and Taiwan for creating a peaceful environment when there is so much strife in many other parts of the globe.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GLEN MILLS SCHOOL

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of The Glen Mills School and to acknowledge the life-changing work it does for young men.

One hundred twenty five years ago the cornerstone was laid at the Glen Mills School. Today, the Glen Mills School is the oldest institution in the country of its kind. The Glen

Mills School was established to give young men a second chance. The school provides a safe living and educational environment to encourage long-term behavioral changes.

The Glen Mills School has a long tradition of fostering the academic and emotional growth of young men whose potential might otherwise be lost. Young men ages 15 to 18 live at The Glen Mills School on a year-round academic and residence program, offering an escape from gangs, drugs and violence that they might encounter at home.

Students have the option to participate in clubs and athletics, which compete and excel against other schools in Delaware County. The beautiful campus and athletic facilities surrounding the school are a testament to both the staff and students. The golf course affiliated with the school, a place where many of the students work, is one of the nicest public courses in the Commonwealth.

I admire the dedication of the staff, who work around the clock to educate and counsel students. Their persistence has led to the character development of thousands of young men, as you can see in person by visiting the campus and meeting the students.

Mr. Speaker, The Glen Mills School has been changing the lives of young men for the past 125 years. I celebrate the school and look forward to seeing the excellent work it will continue to do in the years to come.

HONORING DALE ELBERT JONES

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a constituent of the Sixth District of Georgia, Private First Class (retired) Dale Elbert Jones of the U.S. Army. Mr. Jones was born on November 2, 1914 to Callie Eudora Standcuff and James William Jones. He was raised in a log farmhouse in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains in northern Arkansas. Soon after graduating high school, Mr. Jones moved to Longview, TX, where a sister was living. He married Fairy Lee Pettet in 1939 and had one son. His electrical supply experience led him into a supervisor's position on the "Big Inch Pipeline" being constructed from Longview to Bayonne, NJ. The "Big Inch" was an emergency effort in support of World War II.

As WWII progressed he was drafted into service by the United States Army. After completing basic training, Mr. Jones was sent to Germany and assigned to the 309th "lightning" Division of the 78th Infantry. He received three battle stars for combat participation in the Battle of the Bulge, Central Germany, and the Rhineland. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being seriously wounded in the Rhineland.

After the war, Mr. Jones built a successful career as a Sales and Marketing executive and entrepreneur in the greater east Texas area. He ultimately founded his own sales and marketing company, TICO Paint & Chemical Company. He continued to work well into his late eighties.

Mr. Jones currently resides in Marietta, GA, where his son Dale L. Jones also lives. He lives independently at the Parc at Piedmont, a

senior residence community. He enjoys playing a game of cards, chess, and keeping up with current events.

In a few weeks, Mr. Jones will be celebrating his 100th birthday. He looks forward to dancing at his party. He has lived a remarkable life in service to his family and our nation. I know I speak for the people of the Sixth District in showing sincere gratitude for all he has done for our country and wishing him the happiest of birthdays.

HONORING LEO AND MARILYN VALENZUELA

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Leo and Marilyn Valenzuela, two exemplary community leaders who have made remarkable contributions to the progress and prosperity of Ventura County.

Leo Valenzuela first began his service to his community more than 50 years ago, as an advocate on behalf of workers throughout the region. He began working for a local labor union in 1963 but left his duties to serve his country in the Vietnam War. After his honorable service to our nation, Leo returned to his work and entered into the area's political sphere as a successful labor organizer and activist. Leo played an active role in the political careers of former United States Senator Alan Cranston, former United States Senator Gary Hart and former California State Senator Jack O'Connell.

Leo has also played an instrumental part in the grassroots activism that comes with political campaigns. Leo has worked to organize and mobilize our community to change people's lives for the better.

Similarly, for more than four decades, Marilyn Valenzuela has also been a tireless advocate for our community's labor force. Marilyn first began her career in 1964 when she joined the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) Local 770. After raising a family, Marilyn began to work for the UFCW Local 1036 as a Member Assistance Program Director and Women's Network Regional Director. Within only a year, Marilyn was elected as the Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Tri-Counties Center Labor Council.

Marilyn's steadfast character and commitment to Ventura County's workforce have been vital to the strengthening of our community. During her tenure on the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council, Marilyn increased membership by 100 percent. She has also been a board member of the Ventura County Workforce Investment Board and the Executive Director of the Labor Foundation.

Leo and Marilyn are known as the tag team. Over the years, they have successfully worked hand in hand and together have accomplished and contributed so much to our community. I applaud Leo and Marilyn Valenzuela for their commendable commitment and dedication. They have both been staunch and unwavering leaders in the labor community and have dedicated their careers to working for our working families.

I extend my sincere appreciation for their tireless work. For their unrelenting activism, passion for public service and unwavering work ethic, I am pleased to join the Ventura County Democratic Party in honoring Leo and Marilyn Valenzuela with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO DAISY ALSTON

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Daisy Alton, and to honor her many contributions to the communities she has proudly served.

Daisy was born on July 27, 1914 in Virginia. At the age of ten, her parents moved their family to Pittsburgh so that their children could attend public high school. Public education for African-American children stopped at eighth grade in the segregated South. In 1932, Daisy came to West Virginia to pursue higher education at West Virginia State College (now West Virginia State University). She took graduate courses at Atlanta University before returning to Pittsburgh to become a social worker. In 1939, she married the late Cheatham Alston, a Kanawha County educator, and briefly resided in Cabin Creek, until finally settling in Chesapeake, West Virginia.

After moving back to the Kanawha Valley, Mrs. Alston chose a career in education and worked as a teacher at many segregated schools throughout Kanawha County. When the United States Supreme Court declared segregated schools as unconstitutional in 1954, Daisy was chosen as a test teacher in a two-part process to integrate Kanawha County Schools. In the years following school integration, Daisy continued to teach and later became a teaching principal at Institute Elementary. At the age of 68, Mrs. Daisy Alston was honored by Kanawha County Schools as "Teacher of the Year."

Though Daisy officially retired as a teacher, she never stopped teaching and working throughout her community. She has been active in the Upper Kanawha Valley as a civic volunteer and organizer for numerous activities and events. She is a member of Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church; United Methodist Women; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and the Charleston Women's Improvement League. Daisy served as a board member for various organizations, including the Cabin Creek Clinic, which grew into the Cabin Creek Health Systems, a non-profit community health center with multiple locations. In 1998, she was recognized for her contributions by her hometown and named Chesapeake, West Virginia's "Citizen of the Year."

Daisy Alston still lives in Chesapeake, she is a mother of two children: Marian Alston (W.I. "Bill" Hairston) and Cheatham Alston, Jr., and has one grandchild, Bill Hairston.

Mr. Speaker, the state of West Virginia and indeed our nation owes Mrs. Daisy Alston our heartfelt congratulations on becoming a centenarian, as well as sincere gratitude for her many years of devotion to her community. It is people like Daisy who make serving West Virginia's Second Congressional District such a distinct honor.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CANADA/MICHIGAN JURISDICTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Michigan/Ontario Council of Bishops of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. (COGIC), as they celebrate 100 years of fellowship.

Founded in 1897 by then-Elder Charles Harrison Mason, the COGIC arose from humble beginnings—holding its first meetings in the living room of one of its members. Driven by a desire to better fulfill the tenants of their beliefs in the Gospel, Bishop Mason and his followers embarked upon a spiritual journey to grow closer in fellowship through the teachings of Jesus Christ. Over the decades of the new century that soon followed, COGIC grew and prospered, with new congregations being formed across the United States. Among the many jurisdictions formed, was the jurisdiction for the State of Michigan.

Established in 1914, the COGIC jurisdiction for the State of Michigan was formed under the leadership of Elder W.G. Johnson. Under his leadership and the leadership of successors, the COGIC quickly expanded in Michigan, with several jurisdictions being formed within the first decades of its founding. Over its 100-year history, the Canadian/Michigan Jurisdiction of the COGIC has grown to include 8 sub-jurisdictions within Michigan and Ontario comprised of nearly 90 congregations across the region—including many in Michigan's 14th Congressional District.

In the Greater Detroit region, COGIC congregations not only serve as houses of worship where members of the community can create a deeper connection with their faith, they bring together devoted community members in the tenants of service to our community. From food pantries to youth development and education, COGIC congregations are engaging communities in Greater Detroit, the State of Michigan and across North America to answer the calls of our friends and neighbors in their time of need. So many of these programs support families in times of crisis and afford them the opportunity to confront those crises and move forward to overcome those obstacles.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 100 years, the members of COGIC in Michigan have not only grown deeper in their covenant to their faith, but have channeled their faith into strengthening lives, families and communities across the State—much as their counterparts have done in others states across our nation. I congratulate the Michigan/Ontario Council of Bishops and the members of COGIC congregations across the Canada/Michigan Jurisdiction for achieving this great milestone in their fellowship and look forward to their continued efforts to strengthen the communities which they call home.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ORLANDO ROLÓN

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Orlando Rolón. Rolón was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico and has lived in Orlando, Florida since 1977. After high school, he served in the United States Marines Reserves for four years. He was an assistant superintendent for a multi-housing developer until he was hired by the Orlando Police Department in 1992.

As an officer he worked in East Patrol, the community-oriented Neighborhood Patrol Unit, and a task force focused on juvenile gang activity. In December 1995, Rolón was selected to work in the Criminal Investigations Division's Assault and Battery Unit.

On June 1, 1997, Rolón was promoted to Sergeant. He supervised in West Patrol, and on March 8, 1998, he was selected as a supervisor for the Parramore Heritage Bike Unit. In January 1999, he was selected as the Orlando Police Department's first ever fulltime bilingual Public Information Officer.

On August 31, 2004, he was promoted to Lieutenant. He served as a Watch Commander in North Patrol and on January 8, 2006, Rolón was selected by Mayor Buddy Dyer to work as the Mayor's assistant. During his assignment to the Mayor he was named the Liaison for Hispanic Affairs for the City of Orlando.

In December 2008, he was transferred to the Crime Prevention Division as the Midnight Downtown Bike Commander. On June 6, 2010, he was selected as the Special Operations Division's Motors Commander. During his assignment to Special Operations he served as the Planning Section Chief for the 2012 Orlando NBA All-Stars.

Rolón was a founding member of the National Latino Peace Officers Association, Central Florida Chapter, where he served as President. He also served as a member of the Emergency Response Team and as the Commander of the Crisis Negotiation Team.

In January 2013, Rolón was named as one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanics in Central Florida by Vision Magazine. That same month, Rolón was promoted to the rank of Captain. He served as the Commander for the West Patrol and Professional Standards Divisions.

On September 1, 2014, Mayor Buddy Dyer appointed Rolón as Deputy Chief for the Orlando Police Department.

Rolón is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute Command Officer Development Course and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College. He is currently enrolled in the Columbia College Master's program for Criminal Justice. Rolón is married to Giorgina Pinedo-Rolón, he has two children and two grandchildren.

I am honored to recognize Orlando Rolón for his service to the United States and the Central Florida community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED MOLLY MARTIN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Molly Martin who passed away late August 15, 2014. Molly was a passionate and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and matriarch of McGuire's Irish Pub, a staple in Northwest Florida frequented not only by locals but tourists from around the world. The Gulf Coast community and all of the lives she touched with her warm demeanor and radiant personality mourn her loss.

Born in Stamping Ground, Kentucky, on October 31, 1936, Molly eventually made her way to Pensacola, Florida, where she joined in marriage the love of her life, William "McGuire" Martin in 1977. In the same year, she and McGuire opened McGuire's Irish Pub in Pensacola, where McGuire served as the cook, bartender, and designer. Molly was the hostess, waitress and entertainer. McGuire and Molly's success only grew, and they expanded their franchise to Destin, Florida. They founded Flounders (Pensacola Beach) in 1982; McGuire's Irish Pub (Destin) in 1996; Crabs (Pensacola Beach) in 2000; and Vinny McGuire's Pizza (Destin) in 2011.

To some, Molly will be remembered for her passion for singing; to others, she was an accomplished business woman; and to many of the young servicemembers stationed throughout the Gulf Coast, she became a mother away from home. Those who knew Molly best, however, will remember her heart full of love and her devotion to family. Molly was a loving daughter to Ralph Lee Parker and Edith Clare Wright-Parker; sister to Lena, Edna, Jean, and Evelyn; mother to Charmaine McGowan, Nannette McGowan, John David McGowan, Joseph Parker McGowan, Suzannah Darling McGowan, William (Billy) Nathaniel Martin, James Edward Martin, and Amy Elizabeth Martin; grandmother to twenty-four; great-grandmother to eight; aunt; and a loving wife to McGuire.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Mrs. Molly Martin. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to McGuire, her children, grandchildren and her entire family and friends. Molly's impact on Northwest Florida will never be forgotten, and she will truly be missed.

IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR RICK BARTON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of a distinguished public servant who I am proud to call a friend, Ambassador Rick Barton, Assistant Secretary for State Department's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations. On September 30, Ambassador Barton will end this chapter of a

long and venerable public service career. Without question, he leaves behind a legacy of diplomacy and peace.

Ambassador Barton has crisscrossed the world, going to the most neglected corners of the globe to promote stability and security. He led independent reviews of Iraq reconstruction; developed civilian strategies for Iraq, Sudan, and Sri Lanka; and initiated trail-blazing approaches to conflict resolution in Pakistan and Nigeria.

As the first Assistant Secretary of CSO, Ambassador Barton put a laser-sharp focus on innovation and locally-driven solutions to break cycles of violent conflict. Under his direction, CSO has harnessed the power of mass communications and advanced analytics to drive ground-up initiatives in Syria, Burma, Honduras, Bangladesh, Kenya, and Nigeria. Not surprisingly, he was honored in 2013 with a Distinguished Honor Award from the State Department "in recognition of [his] groundbreaking work to create the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilizations Operations, promote peacebuilding and empower women, youth and other change agents."

Prior to CSO, Ambassador Barton served as the U.S. Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, co-director of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Deputy High Commissioner of the United Nations Refugee Agency, and founding Director of USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives. Ambassador Barton's diplomatic career began as an election trainer and observer in Latin America, a region that is dear to both our hearts.

Mr. Speaker, as war and conflict raged around the globe, Ambassador Barton has been a stalwart advocate for peace. Ambassador Barton, as you head off to the Great State of Maine—where you made your mark both in the Democratic Party and on the squash court—I honor your tremendous public service. The world is better for your work.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GIORGINA PINEDO-ROLÓN

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Giorgina Pinedo-Rolón. Born in Caracas, Venezuela, Giorgina obtained a degree in Business Administration from Andres Bello Catholic University in Venezuela. She also earned a Masters in TV Production and Journalism. Currently she is pursuing her PhD in Social Psychology.

Giorgina worked for Walt Disney World for nine years as a Merchandise Buyer, after which she began a new career in the field of media. She has extensive experience in television, print, and radio. Giorgina served as Director of Production and Public Relations, and TV host for Telemundo Orlando. After nine years with Telemundo, she became Chief Editor at Casiano Communications' Image magazine. Currently, she is the founder and President of Gio Communications, a communications agency focused on public relations, His-

panic outreach, media buys, government affairs and marketing.

Giorgina has been very involved with the business community and the local government of Central Florida. She has received several prestigious awards in recognition of her work including, HABLA Awards' Executive of the Year, Girl Scouts of Citrus' Women of Distinction Awards Visionary of the Year, the Orlando Business Journal's Forty under Forty Award, and the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Orlando Police Department's Good Citizen Award.

Giorgina serves as Chairman of the Board for Metro Orlando's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Board Member of the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund, Chair of the Public Relations Committee for the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund and Board Member of the Hope Community Center. She is also a former Board Member of the Orange County Membership and Mission Review Board, Coalition for the Homeless, and Easter Seals, and the former President of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' Central Florida Chapter.

She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, the American Association of Marketing and Public Relations, Hispanic Public Relations Association, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro Orlando, National Association of Professional Women, and lifetime member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO).

Giorgina is married to Orlando Rolón. She has two step children and two granddaughters.

I am honored to recognize Giorgina Pinedo-Rolón, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her leadership and contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAREY AND BETTY MCCAIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Carey McCain who have been married 57 years and serve as clergy in Lee County, Alabama.

Carey and Betty met at Hank's Drive-In in Alexander City, Alabama, in 1956 after Carey's return from serving in the Air Force. They were married in Jackson, Mississippi on July 22, 1957.

The McCains moved to Iowa, Texas, New York and Pennsylvania before moving back in Alabama in 1969. In 1970, Betty and Carey began spreading the gospel throughout Alabama and Georgia. Betty began her evangelistic ministry in 1977 serving for 22 years and then became a pastor for eight years.

Carey and Betty raised three children and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. Children include: Lisa McCain, Linda Lollar who passed away on May 5, 2012 and Susanne Boyd.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. and Mrs. McCain for their tireless service in the Lee County community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RON ANDERSON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Ron Anderson, my dear friend, who passed away on September 11, 2014. I am humbled to have shared in his successes and to have been able to support his vision for transforming public health in Dallas County. Dr. Ron Anderson served as the CEO and President of Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital for twenty-nine years. I am deeply saddened by his passing, but I am honored to celebrate his legacy and contributions, not only to Dallas County, but to the global health community.

During my career as a psychiatric nurse with the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center and as a state and federal legislator, I have never known a public health official who treated his patients with as much compassion as Dr. Anderson. His passion and commitment to treating each and every individual who visited his hospital is unparalleled. He dedicated his life to healing people, regardless of their race, economic class, ethnic origin or immigration status. He was steadfast and visionary.

Through his years of service to Dallas County's only public hospital, Dr. Anderson's name has become synonymous with Parkland. Dr. Anderson's tenure at Parkland began in 1973 as an intern seeking training in a large city. He grew up in poverty in Chickasaw, Oklahoma and was able to connect with the high population of low-income patients who sought health care at Parkland. Not only did he help to treat the underserved in Dallas County, he led the charge in advocating for every individual to receive the best care possible.

After he became President and CEO in 1982, Dr. Anderson lobbied tirelessly to stop patient dumping, or the practice of transferring unstable patients from private to public hospitals because of the patient's inability to pay. In 1986, federal legislation was passed and signed into law prohibiting patient dumping. Dr. Anderson also fought to allow Parkland's physicians to treat every patient, no matter their citizenship status. In the mid-1990s, Dr. Anderson became a national spokesperson when welfare reform proposals threatened to force health care providers to report undocumented immigrants to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He advocated for the preservation of the confidentiality of the physician-patient relationship.

Under Dr. Anderson's dynamic leadership, Parkland's system expanded to include twelve local primary care clinics and twelve school-based clinics. The Homeless Outreach Medical Services branch was also established, providing care in more than twenty homeless shelters in Dallas County. Hospital administrators travelled from all over the world to see Parkland and to learn from Dr. Anderson's visionary and compassionate leadership style.

In 2005, Dr. Anderson's colleagues recognized his leadership by awarding him the Dallas County Medical Society's Max Cole Leadership Award. He is responsible for the new \$1.8 billion Parkland facility across the street from the original campus.

Mr. Speaker, my friend, Dr. Ron Anderson, dedicated his life to improve the lives of countless thousands of people. He exemplified the virtues of a true care-giver and was an exemplary model for other physicians. I urge my colleagues to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Ron Anderson.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
CARMEN BALASQUIDE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Carmen Balasquide. Carmen was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and is mother to three children Janpierre, Kiara, and Adriel.

Carmen moved to Florida in 1993. In 1996, Carmen first got involved in community organizing by volunteering for Osceola County Commissioner Robert Guevara's campaign in which the first Hispanic-American was elected to a local office. While volunteering on the campaign she organized community town halls and candidate meet-and-greets.

After spending time away from politics, Carmen had the opportunity to get back into community organizing in 2008 when she met State Senator Gary Siplin during his reelection campaign. She took a campaign coordinator job with the Florida Democratic Party to help reelect State Senator Siplin and to work on the presidential election.

In 2012, Carmen worked with Organize Now as a community organizer where she educated and developed Hispanic community leaders through their Earned Sick Time and Anti-Foreclosure campaigns. Carmen's work on the Earn Sick Time campaign helped collect over 52,000 signatures in support of earned sick time and was the first successful citizen-petition campaign in Orange County. In addition to her organizing work, Carmen arranged meetings and educated legislators on voting against sick time pre-emption.

In 2013, Carmen started working with National Council of La Raza (NCLR) to educate Members of Congress on the need to support comprehensive immigration reform (CIR). During the CIR campaign, she worked with community leaders and local elected officials in Orange, Osceola, and Polk counties by conducting local Hispanic media interviews, organizing public letters of support, and facilitating congressional legislative visits. Additionally, Carmen worked with state Hispanic legislators to pass S.R. 1722 a Florida Senate resolution in support of CIR. Carmen has been leading NCLR's vote-by-mail canvass campaign in Central Florida as well as educating voters on the need to vote in midterm elections and to support key issues like expanding healthcare access to all and increasing the minimum wage.

In addition to her professional work, Carmen has served as secretary to the Florida Democratic Hispanic Caucus and is currently a member of Congressman GRAYSON's Puerto Rican Advisory Board.

I am honored to recognize Carmen Balasquide, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her service to the Central Florida Hispanic community.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BARRINEAU PARK 4-H CLUB

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Barrineau Park 4-H Club. Located in Escambia County, Florida, Barrineau Park is the oldest continuous 4-H club in the State of Florida.

4-H began in 1909 with "corn clubs" for young men. At these clubs, youth learned how to prepare and plant their fields with hybrid corn seed, with cash prizes awarded to those who produced the most corn. Two years later, in 1911, tomato clubs were established for young women to plant, harvest, and can tomatoes.

In 1914, the Barrineau Park 4-H Club was founded with an initial membership of about 10 local youth. Holding meetings in homes, church fellowship halls, and the Barrineau Park School and Community Center, the group learned a wide variety of skills, including how to grow corn and tomatoes, raise poultry and livestock, garden, and sew. Since then, the Barrineau Park 4-H Club has helped teach hundreds of young people in Escambia County invaluable life and leadership skills.

Today, there are 23 students participating in the Barrineau Park 4-H Club, taking part in events to develop leadership skills, learn the important values of citizenship, and practice public speaking. In addition, the group learns invaluable skills related to livestock and horses, shooting sports, food and nutrition, environmental education and marine science. In particular, the club has developed a strong reputation for raising and showing prize-winning hogs. In addition to these traditional programs, the Barrineau Park 4-H Club also gives its members experience in an array of technological areas vital to success in the future, including computers, robotics, and global-positioning satellite programs.

As a former 4-H participant, I can attest to the incredible leadership and educational opportunities that 4-H provides to our Nation's youth. The Barrineau Park 4-H Club's incredible 100 year history is a testament not only to the Barrineau Park and Escambia County community, but also to the entire 4-H program and its mission to "empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Barrineau Park 4-H Club. My wife Vicki and I congratulate everyone associated with the club and wish them another 100 years of success.

20 YEARS OF VAWA—THE
PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE AND
THE LONG ROAD AHEAD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) changed

the way we view domestic violence in the United States.

On the 20th anniversary of VAWA, we celebrate the progress we have made, but we also take this time to recognize how much further we have to go in ending this horrific crime.

20 years ago domestic violence was viewed as a "family issue."

Fortunately, in 2014, we educate men and women on this issue and have many more resources available for victims and tougher punishments for abusers.

As a society, we try to make victims feel comfortable coming forward so they can be protected and move forward with their lives, away from their abuser.

Sadly, though, many individuals and organizations still do not take domestic violence seriously enough.

The NFL had to be shamed into suspending Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice for two games for abusing his fiancée after a video surfaced of him dragging his unconscious fiancée out of an elevator by her hair.

And shamed even further for the Baltimore Ravens to finally terminate his contract and for the NFL to suspend him indefinitely.

That is, only after, the full, more graphic video was released making it beyond clear what happened inside of that elevator.

Ray Rice knocked his fiancée out cold.

Like it or not, professional athletes are role models. Is this the type of person we want our children looking up to?

This summer, the NFL did not care about intimate partner violence as a serious crime. They cared about saving face.

Not saving the faces and bodies and souls of women in this country, but protecting their own image and bottom line.

In the spirit of VAWA, we must continue to speak out against abusers and those that do not take criminal conduct seriously, and we must continue to stand up for victims.

Victims of abuse must come forward for their own safety and that of their children.

What kind of message are we sending these victims when we put men who abuse their partners on a pedestal? When we treat celebrities or professional athletes who commit the same crime differently because of their status?

I am proud of how much VAWA changed the landscape for victims in our country over the past 20 years, but this latest incident demonstrates there is more work to be done.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
STATE REPRESENTATIVE VIC-
TOR M. TORRES, JR.

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Victor "Vic" M. Torres, Jr., Florida State Representative for District 48. Vic is of Puerto Rican descent and was born and raised in New York, New York. Vic's lifetime of service began when he joined the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After his service in the U.S. Marine Corps, he served his community as a police officer for the New York City

Transit Police. After twenty years, Victor retired from the New York City Transit Police as 2nd Grade Detective.

In 1993, Vic relocated his family to Florida and became a volunteer and leader with several community organizations, the labor movement, and grassroots efforts. He has established a strong reputation as a committed political activist and an effective leader. Vic has volunteered for various local, state and federal campaigns, including presidential, congressional, and state and local electoral campaigns.

In 2012, Vic was elected as State Representative for Florida House District 48 in Orange County. Vic currently serves on the Education Committee, Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, Rulemaking Oversight and Repeal Subcommittee, and the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

Vic has served with organizations involved in the labor movement including Political Coordinator for the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1596 Orlando, Southeast Region Representative for the ATU Latino Caucus, and Trustee for the Central Florida Labor Council of Orange County (CLC).

Vic has also been a member of several political organizations including the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee, the Orange County Chapter of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus, the Florida Voters League, Inc., and the Steering Committee of the Marion County Democratic Executive Committee.

Vic has been married to Carmen L. Torres for over twenty years. Vic and Carmen are the proud parents of five children and eight grandchildren. They are faithful members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Kissimmee, Florida.

I am honored to recognize State Representative Victor M. Torres, Jr., during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his service to the United States and the Central Florida community.

DANIEL MCHENRY AND THE
MCHENRY CHAPEL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the McHenry Chapel for 200 years of serving the community in White County, Illinois. For 200 years, the McHenry Chapel has continually been a spiritual home for area residents.

Being almost as old as our country and older than the State of Illinois, the McHenry Chapel has a long history. It was formed by Daniel McHenry in 1814, two years after the War of 1812 with many immigrants flooding into the area from southern states. This gave McHenry the inspiration and devotion to preach the gospel to his neighbors. After forming the church, McHenry served in creating the town of Carmi.

The original log church was used from 1814–1870. And as the faith community continued to thrive, plans for a new, larger church were begun in 1914, during World War I. Completed in 1916, the existing church has continued to attract people from the area.

I would like to congratulate and thank the current pastor and his wife, Jon and Stephanie

Carrell, for answering the call to serve their community and bring hope and faith to the people.

McHenry Chapel will hold a 200th anniversary celebration on October 19, 2014, with services in both the morning and afternoon. A lunch will be held after morning service at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the McHenry Chapel and offer my best wishes for another 200 years.

HONORING LAWRENCE BROOKS

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Lawrence Nathaniel Brooks, Sr. Mr. Brooks, a World War II veteran and Louisiana resident, celebrated his 105th birthday on September 12, 2014.

Mr. Brooks was born in 1909 in Norwood, Louisiana. He joined the United States Army in 1940 and did basic training at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Serving our country was a family legacy for Mr. Brooks. He had three uncles who fought in World War I, and his brother, Chester, was a member of the United States Coast Guard.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor would change Mr. Brooks' life forever. Shortly thereafter he was called to duty. He served in the predominantly African-American 91st Engineer Battalion which was stationed in New Guinea and then the Philippines during World War II. He served three white officers in his battalion, and his daily routine included cleaning the officers' sheets, shining their shoes, making sure their uniforms were clean, and accomplishing any task these officers asked of him. Brooks attained the rank of Private 1st Class during the war. During his service, he had two alarming encounters. While he was stationed in New Guinea, the Japanese bombed the base where he was located. Additionally, Mr. Brooks was on a C-47 going from Australia to New Guinea, transporting a load of barbed wire when one of the engines went out. The crew had to work quickly to lighten up the load in order to make the plane light enough to continue on.

A true New Orleanian, even Hurricane Katrina couldn't keep Mr. Brooks away from the city he loves for too long. A few days after the levees failed and the city flooded, Mr. Brooks moved to Los Angeles. However, he returned to New Orleans a little more than a year later.

Mr. Brooks' most enduring legacy is his engagement and involvement with his community in New Orleans. He is widely known as a pillar of his community and regularly volunteers at his church, St. Luke's.

Mr. Brooks was married to the late Leona B. Brooks, and he is a father of five, grandfather of thirteen, great-grandfather of 19, and great-great grandfather of 2, and he is loved by even more. He is known for his love of dance, and has committed to enjoying and celebrating life.

The National World War II Museum, which I proudly represent, recently hosted a celebration for Mr. Brooks. During the celebration, he was honored by the Museum, the Veterans'

Administration, and a host of national and local organizations. It is my honor to introduce Mr. Brooks to the country. I invite everyone to join me in congratulating Mr. Lawrence Brooks on a life well-lived, and wishing him the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM AND EVA
DYKES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dykes who have been married 59 years and serve as clergy in Lee County, Alabama.

Jim and Eva met while Jim was still serving his country in the U.S. Army. They were married in Mannheim, Germany in 1955.

When Jim's tour of duty ended, the Dykes moved to Denver, Colorado. In 1970, they moved back to Lee County, Alabama where Jim served as a pastor.

The Dykes raised four children and are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Their children include: Jimmy Dykes, Helene Sykes, Ernest Byron Dykes and Maryanne Pillgreen.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Dykes for their tireless service in the Lee County community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
MIGUEL ANTONIO NIEVES BOU

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Miguel Antonio Nieves Bou. Miguel was born in Puerto Rico to Miguel Angel Nieves Diaz and Iris Bou Cordova of Corozal on June 13, 1963. Miguel attended Catholic school and the American Military Academy in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico before moving to Sebring, Florida in 1977.

Miguel graduated from Sebring High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. After graduating from college, he married Kathy Lynn Duckett and soon moved back to Central Florida. He began his career with the Western Auto Supply Company and rapidly rose within the organization to become the second youngest and first Hispanic District Manager in company history. While his career with Western Auto Supply Company began in Central Florida, job promotions took him to assignments throughout the state of Florida and then to Greensboro, North Carolina.

In 1990, Miguel and Kathy gave birth to their first of two sons, Michael Alexander Nieves. Looking to settle down, Miguel left Western Auto to join the Communications Industry as a Sales Executive for a radio station. Soon media became his passion. Within three years, he became Sales Manager for two English language radio stations in Greensboro, North Carolina. During this time Miguel

and his wife Kathy welcomed their second son, Christian Andrew Nieves.

In 2001, Miguel moved his family back to Central Florida in order to be close to his immediate family and the thriving Puerto Rican community. Miguel joined Bright House Networks in 2001 as the first Latino Sales Executive and led the department, in year-over-year percentage growth for eight consecutive years. He was promoted to Director of Multicultural

Sales for Florida in order to develop a business model for a statewide Multicultural Sales initiative. He is currently President and CEO of a multicultural marketing firm based in Central Florida.

Miguel's work ethic and commitment to excellence have made him stand out among the best. His family is his main source of pride and joy in his life. His heroes are his parents and his mentor is Jesus Christ. Miguel lives by

a credo from the baseball icon, Roberto Clemente Walker, who once said, "Anytime you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on earth."

I am happy to honor Miguel Antonio Nieves Bou, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 17

Time to be announced

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. 2017, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote, S. 85, to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration, and nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

S-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Bailly, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyehara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, H.R. 4366, to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement, the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration

and Customs Enforcement, and Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine reforming America's outdated energy tax code.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine why net neutrality matters, focusing on protecting consumers and competition through meaningful open Internet rules.

SH-216

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2670, to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine the impact of rising inequality on the American economy.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, S. 2482, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 2484, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, S. 2485, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007, S. 2581, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport, S. 2777, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and the nominations of Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the United States strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 18

Time to be announced

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider GSA resolutions.

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9:30 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine overcoming persistent barriers to economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities.

SD-430

11 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine assessing and enhancing protections in consumer financial services.

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beestlestone, Mark A. Kearney, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Gerald J. Pappert, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Armando Ormar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Stephen R. Bough, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, and H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ukraine Freedom Support Act", S. 2778, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$10,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, S. Res. 530, expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq, S. Res. 541, recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic, S. Res. 540, recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role

of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations, and the nominations of Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan,

to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Re-

public of Uzbekistan, and a list in the Foreign Service.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine tax audits of large partnerships.

SD-342

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219